

House Bill 148, Private School Vouchers Administrative Costs

In its first year, the voucher program will involve approximately 18 times the number of students currently receiving a Carson Smith Scholarship (306 vs. 5,476 students.)

The voucher program will require verification of income, residency, age, and household size.

This program will also have to review independent audits, school size, and school location; track student enrollment; and approve private schools.

It is estimated that at least twice as many private schools will be approved for vouchers as are currently approved for scholarships.

Vouchers must be applied for annually. Scholarships are authorized for 3 years.

The fiscal note prepared by USOE for HB 148 stated that the administrative costs would be \$300,000 annually.

House Bill 148 Administrative Costs		
	Carson Smith	Private School Vouchers
Number of Scholarships/Vouchers	306	5,476
Number of Approved Schools	26	60
Amount of Funding	\$1,420,000	\$9,300,000
Vouchers require income and household size verification		
Administration		
1 Specialist/Administrator	\$100,000	\$100,000
2 Technicians		\$100,000
1 School Finance Technician		\$50,000
Travel, Current Expense, Indirect Costs		\$50,000
Total		\$300,000